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VACCINE FOR FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the fee being charged from cattle owners for administering vaccine for foot and mouth disease;

(b) whether the Union Government and State Governments provide some grant-in-aid in this regard;

(c) if so, whether poor farmers find himself unable to pay the charges despite availing the above said aid;

(d) whether Union Government/State Governments propose to fully subsidise the above said vaccine to minimise the burden on beneficiaries;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(f) the number of proposals of Department of Animal Husbandary, Madhya Pradesh lying pending with the Government for clearance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Under Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme cost of the vaccine is shared by the Central Government, State Governments and the beneficiaries on 25:25:50 basis.

(c), (d) & (e): Considering the fact that the poor farmers face difficulty in meeting 50% cost of the vaccine and to minimize the burden on beneficiaries, the Department has decided to change the funding pattern to make the vaccine available to poor farmers free of cost during the Tenth Plan.

(f): The Department has already released the entire amount sought by the Government of Madhya Pradesh under the above scheme during 2001-2002, and there is no proposal pending for clearance.